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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST QUINT POLICY PLANNING DIALOGUE: IRAQ

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Classified By: Minister Political Counselor Robert Ford for Reasons 1.4
(b) and (d).

[¶1.](#) (C) Speaking with PolMinCouns August 21, Foreign Minister Zebari welcomed participation in a Middle East policy planning meeting with Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. He thought Iraqi participation would help improve Iraqi relations with those states. The notional agenda looked acceptable to the Foreign Minister. Zebari identified U/S Labeeb Abbawi as the MFA's POC for the conference, commenting that planning falls within Abbawi's portfolio.

[¶2.](#) (C) Abbawi is a longstanding MFA contact and is very credible. We are in regular touch with him about a variety of MFA issues.
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